New FM Radio and TV stations

2811. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new FM Radio and T.V. Transmitters/Stations in the border areas of the States situated at Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangaladesh during 2005-06;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places selected for the purpose particularly in Gujarat and Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) A 10 KW FM transmiter at Shillong has been installed and is ready for commissioning. The details of locations identified for setting up of new FM transmitters as well as TV transmitters presently under implementation in the border areas of the states adjoining Pakistan and Bangladesh are given in the Statement.

Statement

New FM TV transmitters to be set up/under implementation in border areas

All India Radio	
Rajasthan	Chautan Hills Ramgarh Bikaner
Gujarat	Bhuj
Punjab	Fazilka Amritsar
Assam	Silchar Karimganj
Meghalaya	Dawki

Tripura	Nutan Bazar Longtherai
West Bengal	Cooch Bihar Darjeeling Balurghat Maldah

Implementation of schemes will depend upon approval, availability of funds and decision about staff sanction

Doordarshan

Punjab	HPT, Bhatinda (DD News)
Rajasthan	HPT, Bikaner
Gujarat	HPT, Radhanpur
West Bengal	HPT, Kurseon (DD News)
Assam	LPT, Satrasal
Tripura	LPT, Ambassa

Installation of the LPTs at Satrasal and Ambassa has been completed. The remaining projects are at different stages of implementation and are expected to be completed in phases during 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Video Piracy

2812. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that video piracy has become a major threat to the Cinema Industry;

(b) if so, the steps considered to be taken by Government;

(c) whether Government are aware that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has decided to bring amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Exhibition of Films on Television Screen Through Video Cassette Recorders (Regulation) Act, 1993;